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As one of these documents is written in a foreign language (Taiwanese Patent Publication 311199), U.S. Patent No. 5,766,077 corresponding to the Taiwanese reference is attached hereto explaining its relevancy in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3).

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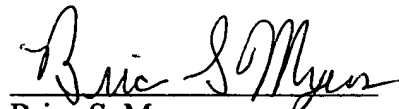
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